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Dear Owners and Management Agents:

The Office of Housing is pleased to inform you that, as of July 17, 2006, you may obtain access authorization rights to the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system. Complete instructions as well as other pertinent information can be found on the Office of Housing's new Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System for Multifamily Housing Program Users website at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/rhiip/eiv/eivhome.cfm>

We encourage you to gain access authorization rights as soon as possible and incorporate the use of the EIV system into your day-to-day operations. The Department considers the EIV system an integral component in the Rental Housing Integrity Improvement Project (RHIIP) initiative to reduce errors and improper payments in the administration of its public and assisted housing programs. The full implementation of the EIV system will increase the accuracy of rent and income determinations, thereby better ensuring that the right benefits go to the right persons.

Through the secure web-based EIV system, you may obtain social security (SS) and supplemental security income (SSI) benefit information to help verify tenant-reported income that heretofore had only been available through the Tenant Assessment Subsystem (TASS). TASS is scheduled to be eliminated on September 22, 2006. If you have been using TASS for income verification you must get access authorization rights to EIV before September 22, 2006; otherwise, after that date, you will be able to obtain SS and SSI information only through EIV. It is also expected that you will eventually be able to obtain the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS') National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) data through EIV, which will provide family new hire, wage, and unemployment insurance benefit data.

EIV data, including SS, SSI, new hires, wage, and unemployment compensation information must only be used for income verification for existing tenants and must not be disclosed in any way that would violate the privacy of the individuals represented in the system. Therefore, it is imperative that you continue to implement measures for safeguarding sensitive tenant information.

We hope that you share our excitement about this new system for multifamily housing program users, as we are committed to sharing information efficiently and expeditiously.

Sincerely,

Willie Spearmon
Director
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